[Mr. P. C. Kuriyan.]

(*b*) whether they have under contemplation any scheme of collecting tolls by which a vehicle will have to pay toll only once in a district in any one day?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Seven toll-gates and a fee of Rs. 5-7-0.

(*b*) No.

Motor Transport in the State.

232. ***MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule regulating the granting of loading capacities to lorries in the State;

(*b*) if so, what they are:

(*c*) whether they are aware of any case where along the same route different lorry-owners are given different loading capacities by Government, without reference to the actual carrying capacities of the vehicles;

(*d*) whether Government or the traffic authorities have received any representation regarding the grievances of the lorry-owners of Kottayam;

(*e*) if so, what action was taken on such representation; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the Motor Transport Company Limited, Kottayam, are allowed to carry unlimited quantities of load, while others are allowed only 2,000 pounds and odd on the K. K. Road?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Actual calculation applicable to the respective type of vehicle.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Government are considering the matter.

(*f*) No.

Canal connecting the Mavelithodu with the Meenachil river.

233. ***MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the inhabitants of Kiliroor, Thiruvarpu, Chengalam and Kumarakam regarding the necessity of opening a canal connecting the Mavelithodu with the Meenachil river a little to the north of the Illickal bridge at Kottayam; and

(*b*) if so, what action have the Government taken upon it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate prepared for the work is being scrutinised by the Chief Engineer.

Dispensary at Kallumkatharai.

234. ***MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation

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regarding the urgent necessity of opening a dispensary at Kallumkatharai at Aymanam near Kottayam?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Bridge at Aroor.

225. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding the urgent necessity of constructing a bridge at Aroor;

(*b*) if so, what action have the Government taken on such representation;

(*c*) whether any plan has been prepared and estimate taken;

(*d*) whether the Government of India or the Central Road Board has made any offer to the Travancore Government regarding the construction of the same; and

(*e*) if so, whether Cochin State has any place in the scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question was considered and estimates and plans prepared by the P. W. D.

(*d*) & (*e*) Yes. The Government of India stated that they would consider the question of contributing a portion of the cost if Cochin and Travancore Governments would meet half the cost of the work. But subsequently the Cochin Government refused to contribute any portion of the cost and the Government of India expressed their inability to make any grant at present.

The Alwaye Bridge.

226. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have prepared any plan and estimate for the Alwaye Bridge;

(*b*) if so, what is the amount;

(*c*) whether the Central Government or the Central Road Board has made any offer; and

(*d*) whether the South Indian Railway Company has made any representation either to the Central Government or the Travancore Government regarding the inadvisability of erecting such a bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under reference with the Chief Engineer.

(*c*) The question is under negotiation.

(*d*) The information is not available.

The Rubber Factory.

227. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government thus far (till 18-6-1936) for the Travancore Rubber Factory;

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